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less it can be coupled with strong interests and games requiring attention, and I cannot think "E. L. T." wise in banishing books, unless morbid ones about "good" little boys, as it is better for a child of that kind to have any thing to think of except himself. But school would be the best place for him, as unfortunately "E. L. T." has not checked his tendency to self-inspection; I have seen perfectly marvellous cures of both physical and moral delicacy effected by the wholesome commonplace atmosphere of a good school.

M. L.

DEAR EDITOR,—In the P. R. Letter Bag this month "J. P." asks for the name of a simple book on Botany. *Playing at Botany*, by Phoebe Allen, published by Wells Gardner, Darton & Co., 2 Paternoster Buildings, E.C., is intended for nursery readers, and lets each flower tell its own story; the work is a charming one and converts the flowers into familiar friends.

Many thanks for telling me of Mrs. Curwen's *First Lessons on the Piano*. I have written for it. With kind regards.

F. R.

DEAR EDITOR,—Do you know of any lady who could come and teach us some of this early training of the House of Education?

X. Y. Z.

[Yes; arrangements may be made to receive students in training during the long vacation.—ED.]

DEAR MADAM,—We have taken the *Parents' Review* for a year. It is a source of the greatest encouragement and comfort to me, as I am sure it is to many mothers.

My children are both babies, one of four years, and I have seen a request from a mother for the names of books for little ones and would like to tell her of *Baby World* published by Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co. My little boy prefers it to any book except the *Life of Our Lord* published by F. Warne & Co. *Baby World* is compiled by Mrs. Dodge from the stories for little ones in *St. Nicholas*. There is one very suggestive "word to mothers" which I quote, called "Baby's Skies":

"Would you know the baby's skies?
Baby's skies are mother's eyes.
Mother's eyes and smiles together
Make the baby's pleasant weather.
"Mothers, keep your eyes from tears;
Keep your heart from foolish fears.
Keep your lips from dull complaining,
Lest the baby think it's raining."

C. T. W.

OUR WORK.

WE have received only one competition for Mrs. Steinthel's prize for "Twelve Educational Books on Early Training most suitable for Mothers." As it appears in vain to wait for "competitors" for the prize, we venture to publish the list, and add a second list of eight which we have received:

(1) *Education* (Herbert Spencer); (2) *Practical Education* (Leland); (3) *Home Education* (Charlotte Mason); (4) *Household Education* (Harriet Martineau); (5) *Motherhood* (Dr. Alice Ker); (6) *Children: How to Study Them* (Dr. Warner); (7) *Mutter und Kose Leider* (Fröbel); (8) *Thoughts on Education* (Locke); (9) *Educational Reformers* (Quick); (10) *How to Influence Little Children* (F. Lord); (11) *Notes on the Early Training of Children* (Malleston); (12) *The first Three Years of Childhood* (Perez).

(1) *Home Education* (by Miss Charlotte Mason); (2) *Hints on Home* (by Dr. Abbott); (3) *Education* (by Herbert Spencer); (4) *New Life: its Genesis and Culture* (by E. Barnett and H. O'Neill); (5) *Child and Child-Life* (by Baroness Marenholtz-Bulow); (6) *The Kindergarten* (by Miss Shirreff); (7) *Levana* (by Richter, translated by Miss S. Wood); (8) *Parts of The Duties of Women* (by Miss F. P. Cobbe). All these I know, and have found helpful.—M. S. W.

THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION.—The Principal has to acknowledge with grateful thanks valuable gifts of books to the Library. Mrs. Frith has presented the *Ethics of the Dust*, and a number of beautiful specimens of minerals to illustrate Ruskin's *Crystal Virtues*, *Crystal Sorrows*, &c. Mrs. Gordon has presented the two volumes of Stanley's *In Darkest Africa*, *Through the Wordsworth Country* (a most appropriate gift), and *How Dante Climbed the Mountain*. Messrs. Longman, Green & Co. have presented some capital educational publications—their *Natural History Readers* we especially desire to recommend; and Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have presented a very valuable gift of thirty volumes, selected by the Principal from their catalogues. We hope to notice many of these later, as they should be of much use to parents. The Bishop of the diocese visited the House of Education on the 20th of June, in order to see something of the work of the students. His lordship's visit was made the occasion of a little function at which a large number of influential neighbours were present.

THE FÉSOLE CLUB.

SUBJECT FOR JULY.—*Foliage*. Read No. V. of the Papers, "The Ethics of Leaf-land," in the *Parents' Review* for July 1891 (pp. 337-343). On p. 342, in the footnote, cross out "July 21st," and write instead "August 1st."

The next number of the *Parents' Review* will contain, it is hoped, a further instalment of "The Fésole Club Papers," No. XI., "On a Camp-stool," with some practical hints for out-of-door sketching.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

THE Session closed with the Annual Meeting of the Society at London House, by kind permission of the Bishop of London, on June 17th. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, the Bishop of London, Sir James Crichton-Browne, F.R.S., and others were expected to speak, but the report reached us too late for press.

The work of the "Mother's Education Course" has begun.

The *Parents' Review School* keeps holiday during August. The third term will begin on September 1st.